

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A purchase information collecting method for collecting information on a purchaser of one or more commodities using a network with a server apparatus, the method comprising:

~~wherein said server apparatus, when receiving a first sales information, which that is capable of identifying identifies a deal about of a first commodity, and is generated and transmitted by from~~ a seller of the first commodity, wherein the first sales information is generated by the seller of the first commodity;

~~stores-storing the received first sales information on-in a first storing part; and when receiving purchase information, which that consists of comprises~~ personal information of a purchaser of a second commodity and the a second sales information, from the purchaser of the second commodity, wherein the second sales information that is presented to the purchaser by a seller of the second commodity;

~~judges-judging~~ whether the second sales information included in the received purchase information is stored in said first storing part; and

if the second sales information is stored in the first storing part, ~~stores-storing~~ the received purchase information as valid purchase information in a second storing part.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A purchase information collecting method according to claim 1, wherein the purchase information ~~includes-further comprises:~~

first information for identifying ~~a-the~~ seller of the second commodity;

second information for identifying a deal made by the seller of the second commodity; and

third information for identifying ~~a-the~~ second commodity.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A purchase information collecting method according to claim 2, wherein the second information included in the purchase information indicates a time order

of deals made by the seller of the second commodity identified with the first information.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A purchase information collecting method according to claim 3, wherein the second information included in the purchase information ~~includes further~~ comprises information indicating a date of ~~a the deal and information indicating time order of deals~~ made by the seller identified with the first information.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A purchase information collecting method according to claim 3, further comprising:

Q² ~~wherein said server apparatus, if the~~ second sales information included in the received purchase information is not stored in said first storing part, ~~extract~~ extracting sales information containing the first information of the second sales information included in the purchase information from said first storing part; and,

if the second information of the purchase information falls in a range from a minimum second information to a maximum second information that are contained in the extracted sales information, ~~stores~~ storing the purchase information as ~~unidentified-validness~~ invalid purchase information in the second storing part.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A purchase information collecting method according to claim 1, further comprising ~~wherein said server apparatus transmits~~ transmitting to a computer operated by the purchaser a screen data that makes a browser program executed in the computer to display a screen containing an input area for inputting the purchase information and an item for inputting an instruction to submit the purchase information in the input area to said server apparatus.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A purchase information collecting program causing a computer capable of communicating with other computers to perform processing comprising ~~the~~ steps of:

receiving a first sales information, which ~~that is capable of identifying~~ identifies a deal of ~~the a first commodity, from a seller of the first commodity, wherein the first sales information is~~ generated by the seller of the first commodity; and is generated and transmitted by a computer managed by a seller of the commodity, and

storing the received first sales information ~~on~~ in a first storing part;

receiving purchase information, ~~which comprises that consists of~~ personal information of a purchaser of ~~the a second~~ commodity and ~~the a second~~ sales information, from the purchaser of the second commodity, wherein the second sales information that is presented to the purchaser by a seller of the second commodity; from a computer operated by a purchaser, and

storing, when the second sales information included in the received purchase information is stored in said first storing part, the received purchase information as valid purchase information in a second storing part.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A purchase information collecting program according to claim 7, wherein the purchase information ~~includes further comprises:~~

first information for identifying ~~a the~~ seller of the second commodity;

second information for identifying a deal made by the seller of the second commodity; and

third information for identifying the second commodity.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A purchase information collecting program according to claim 8, wherein the second information included in the purchase information indicates a time order of deals made by the seller of the second commodity identified with the first information.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A purchase information collecting program according to claim 9, wherein said processing further comprises,

~~a step of extracting,~~ when the second sales information included in the received purchase information is not stored, sales information containing the first information of the purchase information from said first storing part; ~~and of~~

storing, if the second information of the purchase information falls in a range from a minimum second information to a maximum second information that are contained in the extracted sales information, the purchase information as invalid purchase information in ~~a the~~ second storing part; ~~and of~~

storing, if the second information of the purchase information does not fall in the range ~~not~~, the purchase information as unidentified-validness purchase information in the second storing part.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A purchase information collecting method for collecting a deal between a purchaser and a seller, comprising:
~~a step of receiving first deal identifying information from a seller;~~
~~a step of storing the first deal identifying information in a first storing part;~~
~~a step of receiving second deal identifying information and personal information from a purchaser;~~ and
~~a step of making comparison between~~ comparing the second deal identifying information and the first deal identifying information stored in said first storing part.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A purchase information collecting method according to ~~4011~~, further comprising:
~~a step of storing, when a~~ an equal comparison is made, the second deal identifying information and the personal information in a second storing part.

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13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A purchase information collecting method according to ~~4011~~, further comprising,
~~a step of judging, when a~~ an equal comparison is not made, whether the second deal identifying information falls in a range from a minimum identifying second information to a maximum second identifying information that are stored in the first storing part.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A purchase information collecting method according to claim 13, further comprising:
~~a step of storing, when it is judged that the second deal identifying information falls in the~~ range, the second deal identifying information together with an identifier for ~~valid~~ invalid information in a second storing part.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A purchase information collecting method according to claim 13, further comprising:
~~a step of storing, when it is judged that the second deal identifying information does not~~ fall in the range, the second deal identifying information together with an identifier for information whose validness is not identified.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A purchase information collecting program causing a computer to perform processing comprising ~~the steps of:~~

receiving first deal identifying information from a seller;₁₇

storing the first deal identifying information in a first storing part;₁₇

receiving second deal identifying information and personal information from a purchaser;₁₇ and

~~making comparison between~~ comparing the second deal identifying information and the first deal identifying information stored in said first storing part.

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17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A purchase information collecting apparatus for collecting information on a deal between a purchaser and a seller, comprising:

a unit which received that receives first deal identifying information from a seller;

a unit which that stores the first deal identifying information in a first storing part;

a unit which that receives second deal identifying information and personal information from a purchaser; and

a unit which that compares ~~makes comparison between~~ the second deal identifying information and the first deal identifying information stored in said first storing part.